

Creating New Opportunities for Collaboration



A SHARED VISION FOR YOUTH

The Shared Youth Vision

White House Task Force Report on Disadvantaged Youth

- Prepared Under Direction of Domestic Policy Council, issued in October 2003
- Focused on 4 Goals: Better Management, Accountability, Connections, Priority To Serve the Neediest Youth
- Recommendations
 - Focus funding on target populations
 - Interagency Collaboration to coordinate evaluation, accountability, and policy
 - Unified research agenda identifying best practices using random assignment evaluations

Federal Interagency Workgroup

- Federal Interagency Work Group was created to ensure that the communication, coordination, and collaboration recommended by the Report occurs among Federal youth-serving agencies
- Original Partnership created in 2004
 - U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration
 - U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education
 - U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
 - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families

Regional Youth Forums

- Four agencies jointly convened 3 Regional Youth Forums in Fall of 2004
- Approximately 50 Interagency State Teams attended Forums
- Communicated the vision
- Strategic planning by state teams
- Strategies for federal support

Serving the Neediest Youth

- Youth in foster care or aging out of foster care
- Children of incarcerated parents
- Court involved youth or those at-risk of involvement
- Migrant youth
- Youth with disabilities
- Native American youth
- Homeless and runaway youth
- Out of school youth
- High school drop-outs

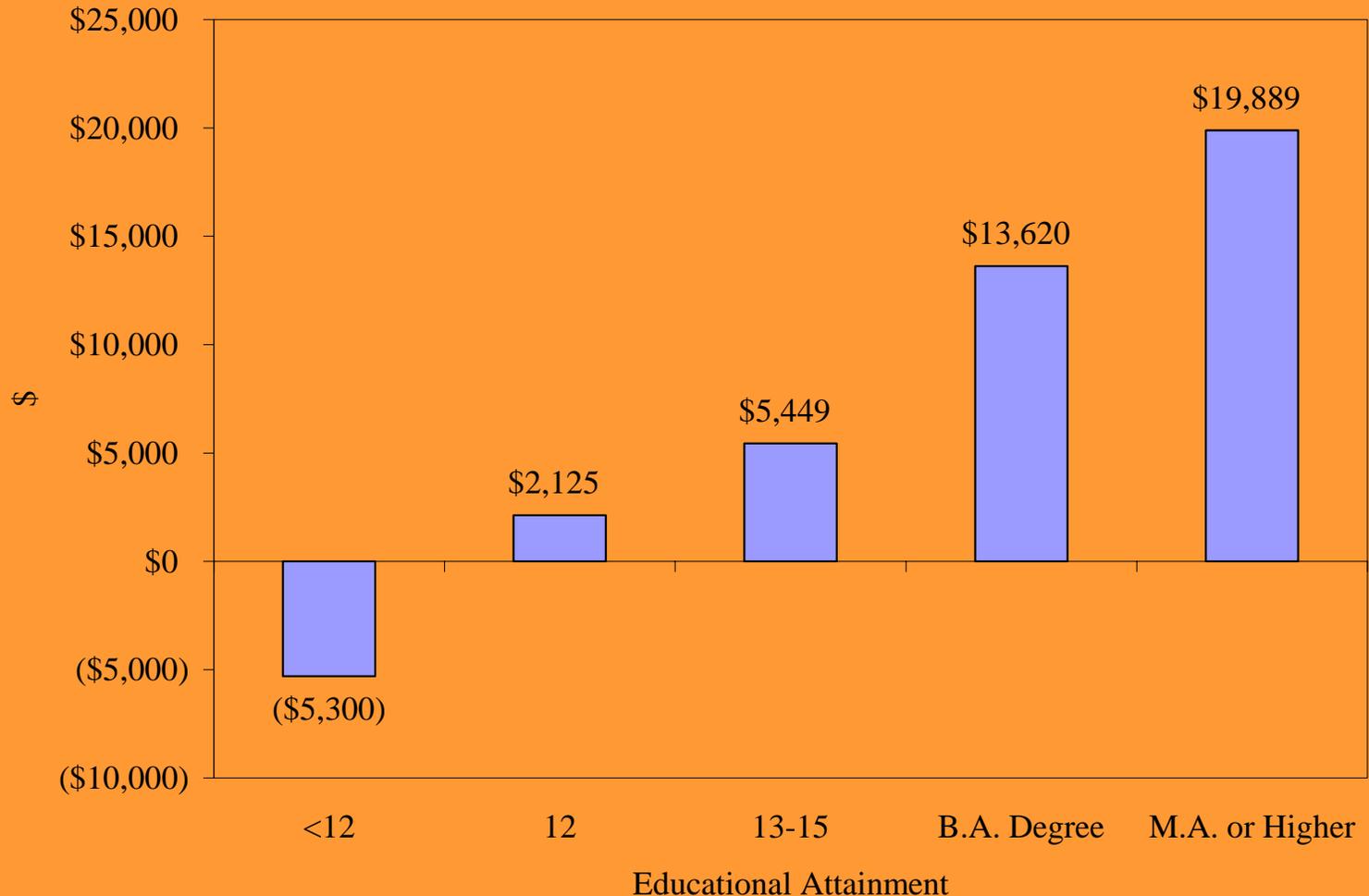
Why a Focus on High School Dropouts?

- Labor market outcomes for drop-outs
 - Lower rates of labor force attachment
 - Higher unemployment rates
 - Less full-time employment
 - Lower weekly wages
 - Lower annual and lifetime earnings
 - Reduced employee benefits
- The lifetime difference in income between a high school graduate and a drop-out is about \$260,000
- In 2004, close to 1.3 million students did not graduate from U.S. High Schools, costing the Nation more than \$325 billion in lost wages, taxes, and productivity over their lifetimes

Massachusetts Study

- Assessment of the Labor Market, Income, Health, Social, Civic and Fiscal Consequences of Dropping Out of High School: Findings for Massachusetts in the 21st Century
- Conducted by Northeastern University, Center for Labor Market Studies
- Found the following ...

Mean Taxes Paid- Transfers Received by Non-Enrolled 16-64 Year Old Adults in Massachusetts by Educational Attainment, 2002-2004 Averages



Shared Vision For Youth

“ The Nation’s neediest youth will acquire the talents, skills, and knowledge necessary to ensure their healthy transition to successful adult roles and responsibilities”

Mission of Federal Partnership

“The Shared Youth Vision Partnership will serve as the catalyst at the national, state and local levels to strengthen coordination, communication, and collaboration among youth-serving agencies to support the neediest youth and their healthy transition to successful adult roles and responsibilities”

Shared Youth Vision Moves Forward In 2006!

- A second set of “Advanced Level Forums” was held in September
- 16 teams were competitively selected and received assistance in aligning resources, staffing, barriers and challenges, resource mapping, and identifying specific interagency goals and objectives
- This same work is being encouraged in all states, not limited to the 16

16 State Teams

Alabama

Arizona

Arkansas

Delaware

Florida

Iowa

Kansas

Massachusetts

Michigan

Minnesota

Mississippi

New Hampshire

Ohio

Oklahoma

Rhode Island

Utah

Objectives of States' Shared Youth Vision Team

- Develop and coordinate policy, within existing policy structures, to address the needs of our neediest youth
- Maximize interagency collaborations to utilize the significant expertise within specific Federal agencies
- Develop innovative approaches that efficiently and effectively respond to serving youth
- Enhance the quality of service delivery and improve efficiencies
- Improve the outcomes for the youth we serve

Moving Forward...

- February, 2006 Federal Partners issued a “Shared Youth Vision Pilot Project” solicitation to the 16 State Teams to apply to become “State Pilot Teams”
- Pilot Teams will receive specialized technical assistance designed to advance their individualized strategic plan and will receive funding to implement their vision at the local/regional level.
- Awards will be completed by June 30, 2007

State Pilot Teams

- Pilot Teams' activities will be designed to transform youth-serving systems at state and local levels
- Expected Results
 - state/local policies consistent w/ an integrated approach to serving the neediest youth
 - jointly funded projects that demonstrate collaboration across agencies
 - collaborative tools such as data share agreements, shared MIS, etc.
 - increased collaboration at local/service delivery level
 - improved outcomes for the neediest youth

Partnership Activities

- Expanding Federal Partnership to include new federal agencies
- Implemented Solutions Desk to assist 16 state teams with issues, provide resources, and provide states direct access to Partnership
- Partnership also hosting “Community of Practice” calls where states share ideas
- Working on additional technical assistance options including helping states attract new partners, and partner with business and industry, as well as national youth-serving organizations

Expansion of Federal Partnership

- U.S. Department of Education (OVAE, Special ED, Indian ED, Elementary & Secondary ED)
- US Department of Health & Human Services (ACF & SAMHSA)
- US Department of Housing & Urban Development (Public Housing)
- US Department of Justice (OJJDP)
- US Department of Labor (ETA, ODEP)
- Social Security Administration
- Corporation for National & Community Service
- US Department of Transportation

Partnership Activities...

- In 2007 DOL will conduct an analysis of the Shared Youth Vision Federal Partnership and the State Pilot Teams
- The work of the Federal Partnership from 2004 – 2007 in support of system transformation will be documented
- Documenting the work of the State Pilot Teams in areas that include:
 - interagency coordination and integration of services;
 - multiple partner agencies working together at the service delivery level to serve targeted youth populations;

Partnership Activities...

- methods used to engage business and industry;
- interagency state teams definition, collection and validation of measurable outcomes for neediest youth; -
- implementation of replication and sustainability strategies;
- and the development of a “Blueprint” model that will assist state/local levels in their collaborative Shared Youth Vision efforts.

Collaboration is Key!

- Working with Federal Partners has demonstrated the importance of collaboration at every level
- Number of Federal/State/Local agencies and respective programs that should be coordinating efforts in serving youth
- Critical to engage partners at the local level

Learn More!

- **See** the *White House Task Force for Disadvantaged Youth Final Report*, October 2003
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/content/docs/white_house_taskforce.pdf
- **Read** the “*New Strategic Vision for the Delivery of Youth Services Under the Workforce Investment Act.*”
<http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL3-04.pdf>
- **Examine** “*TEGL 28-05: Expanding ETA’s Vision for the Delivery of Youth Services Under WIA to Include Indian and Native American Youth and Youth with Disabilities.*”
http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?DOCN=2224
- **Connect** to Your State and Local Youth Vision Team
www.doleta.gov/ryf/State_Team_Lead_List.pdf

For more information...

- Visit the Regional Youth Forum web site:
<http://www.doleta.gov/ryf/>



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